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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 781 (1992), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by UNPROFOR regarding apparent violations of the ban on military flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 11 and 14 March 1993, there appear to have been eight flights of fixed or rotary wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with operative paragraph 1 of resolution 781 (1992) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with operative paragraph 3 of that resolution. In addition there have been two flights on 8 March and two flights on 10 March. Details as to the time and the itinerary of these flights are attached as annexes I, II and III to this note verbale.

Annex I

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force
(11-14 March 1993)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
468	11 March	0925	0934	An unidentified track, assessed to be a fixed wing aircraft, was detected by AWACS 25 nautical miles south-east of Mostar. It was tracked for 30 nautical miles until it faded from radar 5 nautical miles north of Dubrovnik.	South-west 300 kts Unknown
469	11 March	1150	1210	The Bosnian Serbs flew two Orao and one Galeb military jet aircraft from Banja Luka/Mahovljani Airfield. The Banja Luka authorities requested approval from the UNMO to fly three air test sorties in the area around Mahovljani. Approval was denied due to the fact that these flights were not in accordance with SCR 781, but the missions went ahead regardless. UNMOs were allowed to inspect the aircraft and saw no visible signs of armament. AWACS detected all three aircraft flying in the area of Banja Luka/Mahovljani Airfield.	Orbiting 175-200 kts 1,400-1,900 ft
470	11 March	1216	1237		
471	11 March	1243	1307		
472	11 March	1601	1621	One unidentified aircraft, probably a helicopter, was detected by AWACS flying 15 nautical miles north-east of Bileca. The aircraft was tracked for 14 nautical miles until it faded from radar 10 nautical miles north of Bileca. This aircraft flew in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs. [12 March: no violations reported]	West 130 kts 2,000 ft
473	13 March	1615	1615	United Nations personnel observed a single-engined, propeller-driven bi-plane dropping 3 bombs on the village of Gladovici, 5 nautical miles south-east of Srebrenica. The aircraft withdrew towards the Bosnia-Herzegovina/Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) border.	Manoeuvring Unknown Unknown

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Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
474	13 March	1615	1615	United Nations personnel observed 2 single-engined, propeller-driven monoplanes dropping 4 bombs on the village of Gladovici. The aircraft withdrew towards the Bosnia-Herzegovina/Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) border.	Manoeuvring
475	13 March	1615	1615		Unknown
					Unknown
				[14 March: no violations reported]	

Annex II

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force
(Addition to 8 March 1993)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
476	8 March	0417	0457	UNMOs witnessed 2 Mi-8 helicopters taking off from Tuzla airfield. A short time later, at 0431Z, AWACS detected a contact, heading south-west, 10 nautical miles south-west of the Tuzla airfield and tracked it to a position 15 nautical miles north-east of Visoko. At 0437Z, the aircraft were tracked by AWACS for 20 seconds when they landed at Tuzla. The timing of these reports indicates that they refer to the same aircraft. UNPROFOR permission had not been sought for the mission and UNMOs were advised later that poor weather had prevented the helicopters from reaching their destination of Kladanj (15 nautical miles north-east of Visoko).	Various Slow Unknown
477	8 March	1036	1323	At 1036Z, AWACS began tracking a possible helicopter overflying Banja Luka from the south. Four minutes later, an Mi-8 helicopter was observed landing at Zaluzani, possibly on arrival from Knin. UNMOs at Zaluzani were able to confirm that the helicopter carried no external weapons or store and witnessed its departure 10 minutes later. Local officials later advised that the destination was Knin, but that bad weather had resulted in diversion to the military hospital in Banja Luka. The aircraft returned to Zaluzani for a final landing approximately 2.5 hours later.	Various Unknown Unknown

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Annex III

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force
(Addition to 10 March 1993)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
478	10 March	1246	1437	UNMOs at Tuzla witnessed the take-off of 2 Mi-8 (serial numbers 3454 and 9744421) from Tuzla/Dubrave. They were advised by the local authorities that the helicopters were bound for Srebrenica via Kladanj. Both helicopters had been inspected before departure and found to be carrying foodstuffs, medical supplies, military uniforms, hand-held radios and various parcels allegedly for relatives and friends. An armed escort of 15 soldiers and one TV reporting team were also on board. Mi-8 (3454) returned with 8 casualties, but the other helicopter was said to have force landed near Durdevik (5 nautical miles south-west of Tuzla airfield).	South Slow Unknown
479	10 March	1449	1511	UNMOs at Tuzla observed the second take-off of Mi-8 (3454) when it departed to render assistance to the downed helicopter. It returned after 22 minutes with the armed troops and the aircrew of Mi-8 9744421, one of whom was injured.	South-west Slow Unknown